

CLERK: Nothing at this time, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Okay. We'll move onto General File then and number 7. We move to LB 780. Mr. Clerk, would you like to fill us in where we are.

CLERK: Mr. President, 780 was considered yesterday by the Legislature. It is the mainline appropriations bill. There was under consideration at the time the Legislature recessed an amendment by Senator Landis to the bill. Senator Landis's amendment, Mr. President, was on page 1895 of the Journal. I now have pending to that amendment, there was an amendment to it by Senator Scofield that prevailed, Mr. President. I now have pending to that an amendment by Senators Ashford, Goodrich and Chizek. (Amendment appears on pages 1948-49 of the Journal.)

PRESIDENT: Senator Chizek, are you going to handle that, or... Senator Ashford is. All right, we'll hold up a minute until he arrives. Senator Ashford, you are up and you have an amendment before us. So we'll put you to work right away.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Thank you, Mr. President. I'm sorry for the delay. I was just going to get the amendment actually. Now I'm here. The amendment that I have to the Landis amendment concerns the salaries at University of Nebraska at Omaha. And I believe...I guess Senator Lynch is not here, but Senator Chizek may have something else to add to this. But basically the situation at UN-O is somewhat dissimilar from UN-L in the way that the salaries are determined. The basic way that the UN-O salaries have been determined is pursuant to an order, 1983 order of the Commission of Industrial Relations which set out a procedure for establishing salaries, faculty salaries at UN-O, and by making comparisons with several universities and colleges in the area. Those universities are...or some of those universities are Central Missouri State, Cleveland State, University of New Orleans, University of Texas-El Paso, Southwest Missouri State, and others. The comparisons or the current comparisons for this fiscal year, this upcoming fiscal year, were made by the fiscal office with those institutions which the Commission of Industrial Relations had determined to be comparable institutions. And those comparisons called for a faculty salary increase of approximately 9.8 percent. And the amendment appropriates those dollars that would allow for the 9.8 percent increase to bring the University of Nebraska at Omaha up to the prevalent...for those universities for which the state has already determined to be comparable or prevalent...or